

### **OLDA MINUTES**

March 5, 2009

#### Attendance.

Present: Chair Mowry, Carr, Pederson, Haggerty, Christianson, Anderson, Kammueller,

Cappiello, Bierwerth, Anderson.

Excused: Hall, Bierwerth.

Absent: Sevig, Rude, Thompson.

#### **Introductions.**

**Review & Approve Minutes.** March minutes provided by Bill Anderson

# **New Business: Citizen Complaints & Enforcement**

Park Security Officer Cathy Grilz presented the Department's citizen complaint process and regulatory philosophy. She explained that owners of dogs off leash are educated about the city's ordinance, violations and impacts. Owners are given three warnings, then cited. The new fine is \$131.00.

**Motion**: Made by Liz Cappiello, seconded by Jan Carr. That all complaints related to dog violations should be shared with the Committee.

Yeas: Carr, Pederson, Haggerty, Christianson, Anderson, Kammueller, Cappiello, Bierwerth, Anderson.

Nays: Mowry.

Cathy agreed to provide the committee with her monthly enforcement summary so that members could better understand what issues there were and where they are occurring. She also agreed to not use the environmental impacts handout until members have an opportunity to review/discuss it further.

**Motion**: Made by Liz Cappiello, seconded by Jan Carr. That Park Security not distribute their environmental impacts handout until the Committee has an opportunity to review and comment on it.

Yeas: Mowry, Carr, Pederson, Haggerty, Christianson, Anderson, Kammueller, Cappiello, Bierwerth, Anderson.

Nays: None

There was a discussion related to the real environmental impacts of dogs and OLDA's and the feces issue. Brian agreed to draft language regarding the new effort to create OLDA's in the city for inclusion with existing handouts.

The Committee expressed their strong belief that off leash violations are intimately related to the lack of OLDA's within the city. As OLDA's are created, enforcement issues will decrease over time. The committee also expressed its high regard for the professionalism and commitment of the Park Security Staff.

#### Permit Fee Discussion: Deferred to the April meeting.

# **CIB Letters**

Chair Mowry reported out that the letters in support of the OLDA CIB projects had been sent.

#### **Subcommittee Reports**

# Lilydale Subcommittee.

Motion: Made by Liz Cappiello, seconded by Camie Pederson. That the attached resolution be presented to the Parks & Recreation Commission at their April meeting if possible.

Yeas: Mowry, Carr, Pederson, Haggerty, Christianson, Anderson, Kammueller,

Cappiello, Bierwerth, Anderson.

Nays: None

There was agreement that the Committee would transmit its future requests to the Commission using the resolution format.

#### **Events Subcommittee.**

The Events Subcommittee has developed an extensive master list (attached) of activities that could be implemented to project a positive image of dogs & their owners in the community. These activities are also media opportunities, particularly for TV because they are good video.

Members discussed which of the many activities should be undertaken first – a Grand Days Cooling Station and Como Walk were discussed, although everyone agreed there were many other events that should be done in the coming years.

Chair Mowry suggested a Landmark Center event.

Using the events to generate funds was discussed and the new Parks Foundation to receive any revenue/donations. Discussion to be continued.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, April 2nd 6:30 – 8:30 PM at Oxford Community Center

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